

LETCHWORTH ADULT EDUCATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
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## CENTENARY NEWSLETTER

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## CRAFT FAIR

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2007**  
**10.00—4.00PM**

Admission 50p  
Refreshments Available  
Accompanied children free

The  
Settlement Players  
present



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

By Alan Ayckbourn

Produced by Pat Baskerville

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

At 7.45pm. Doors Open: 7.15pm

Tickets available from David's Music

Price £6.00

## WE ARE NEARLY THERE!

No-one can have failed to notice the changes that have been taking place at The Settlement over the summer months.

The 'small classroom' is now a spacious and comfortable 'Garden Room' and groups are already enjoying the lovely sunny room and its garden views.

The Brunt room's original inglenook fireplace has been opened up and the settle restored, adding much to this wonderful space.

The old and disintegrating quarry tiling has been skilfully replaced and the hall floor sanded and resurfaced.

The Hall extension is almost complete, and the Players are looking forward to their new dressing room and storage space.

None of this would have been possible without the generous financial support from:

WREN—Landfill Management

The National Lottery—Awards for All

The Letchworth Civic Trust

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

We offer them our sincere thanks.

**Thank you** also to all our members for putting up with the inconvenience while work was taking place. We are sure that everyone will now enjoy the benefits.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



We are very sorry that Sarah our Manager is leaving us in November. She has done a superb job for the Settlement during her 5 year period here, instigating the improvement of facilities such as the new Garden room and the extension to the Theatre dressing rooms, as well as increasing our membership through the introduction of new classes. She has been a successful and popular Manager but it is only right that she now has time to devote to herself and her family and she leaves with our heartfelt good wishes.

I'm sure you all know Amanda West very well now and she will be taking over as Manager, ably assisted by Peter Todd our new Deputy Manager. I know they will carry on the good work of Sarah and I wish them both every success.

It's obviously a year for changes as our President Joan Williams is also retiring. Joan has been an ardent supporter of the Settlement for many years in various guises including Chairman, and I thank her for her commitment. I hope we will still see her often at the Settlement enjoying the courses and having time for a chat.

We are very pleased that Dr. Clive Schofield has agreed to be nominated for President. Clive has also served as Chairman and is a member of the Art Society.

Andrea Carr is also resigning as secretary and leaving the Committee and Priscilla Macrae has also resigned following her move from the area. We thank them both for their contributions.

**Nominations for both these posts are now being sought. If you are interested in coming onto the Committee please contact Sarah or Amanda.**

These changes will all occur at the AGM. [7pm on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November]. Immediately following the AGM to mark Sarah's leaving, there will be a celebration buffet. We hope you will attend.

Having been successful in extending our Theatre facilities we are planning to host a Junior Drama festival next July. We also want to add to the provision of theatre already supplied by the Settlement Players by arranging some professional performances. The first of these is to be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November when the 'Knicker Lady' will be entertaining us with her 'romp through the history of the humble knicker'. Tickets are on sale at the office and David's bookshop, £10 includes a glass of wine. We hope you will support and enjoy the evening.

Pat Ellis

## ADMINISTRATION MATTERS.....



- ◆ In a change to previous years and in order that staff holidays can be taken, please note that **The Settlement will be closed over the following dates :**

Weds 19th December—Thurs 3rd January 2008

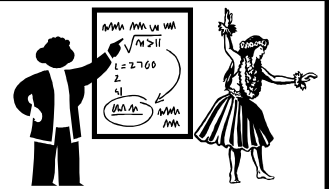
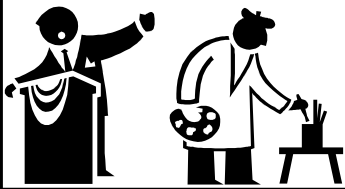
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> - Mon 7th April 2008 (please note the extension of dates)

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 (for Spring Fair preparation)

Fri 18th July - Mon 18th August 2008

- ◆ Most groups are not taking advantage of our website. More and more people are using the website to find out about leisure activities so this is a good opportunity for your group to get free advertising! Contact the office about this.
- ◆ Volunteers are required to help serve teas and coffees from time to time and occasionally to help at Settlement events. If you have some time to spare us, we would be very grateful. In addition, extra help is periodically needed in the Office, so if you have good administration skills and would like to spend some time in a busy but happy environment, please let us know!
- ◆ As part of a recent Fire Risk Assessment at Letchworth Settlement, we now need lists of members of all Groups and classes. We will be writing to each group but please be aware that this information will be required in the near future.
- ◆ Our wonderful volunteer gardener, Brian Osborne has recently undergone major surgery and feels that it is now time to hang up his gardening gloves. Would anybody (two or more) be prepared to tend the garden during the coming months (under Brian's guidance). Please contact the office if you are able to help.
- ◆ As this will be Letchworth Settlement's 100th Christmas we thought it would be nice to give the Christmas decorations an update! We have already been given a selection of decorations and would be grateful to receive donations of any others that are surplus to your requirements!

## COURSE INFORMATION



### NEW COURSES FROM SEPTEMBER 2007

The new term is well underway so we are now thinking about the Spring/Lent term which starts in January. Below is a list of the Cambridge courses which start in the New Year, please look in the brochure or ask in the Office for more information.

About Time	Monday am	Tutor: Dr Russell Manning
Napoleon's Legacy?	Monday pm	Tutor: Victoria Harris
An Outline History of Sculpture	Tuesday am	Tutor: Graham Slimming
Landscape History & Field Archaeology	Tuesday am	Tutor: Dr Nicholas James
Psychology & Experience	Tuesday am	Tutor: Gillian Lang
Geology & Landforms	Wednesday am	Tutor: Gillian Sheail
Making the Metropolis	Wednesday pm	Tutor: Dr Stephen Halliday
Creative Writing	Thursday am	Tutor: Teresa Benison
The Adaptation of Shakespeare for Cinema	Thursday pm	Tutor: Dr Norman Leighton

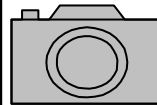
We look forward to receiving your enrolment forms!

### LETCWORTH ART SOCIETY ANNUAL EXHIBITION

SAT 27TH OCTOBER TO SAT 24TH NOVEMBER  
AT

LETCWORTH MUSEUM & ART GALLERY  
BROADWAY, LETCWORTH  
TEL 01462 685647

### OCCASIONAL WORKSHOPS



#### Learning to Relax

Do you find it hard to relax? Come along to this workshop & explore different techniques for discovering the new, calmer person inside you.

Sat 27th October

#### Graphology—Character Analysis from Handwriting

A fascinating introductory one day course for complete beginners. Learn about movements, eg size, layout, signatures etc and what they can mean. An opportunity to view the handwriting of the famous/infamous. Handouts provided.

Sat 10th November

#### Mosaics

Make a festive mosaic votive light holder to sparkle at home on the wall or mantelpiece. Ideal Christmas gift. No experience needed. Plenty of design inspiration. Material charge of £5.

Sat 10th November

#### Paper Sculpture

Using simple craft tools, a sheet of card transforms into a building, a car, a boat, a rose or a fantastic abstract sculpture. Stunning shapes magically stand away from their base, creating a real conversation piece. Each sculpture can be used as an unusual, postable card.

Sat 17th November

#### Decoupage

Decorating a wooden box using the popular Victorian art of decoupage. Fill the box with chocolates or toiletries for an ideal Christmas gift. Your design can be modern or traditional. No experience needed. Materials charge of £5.

Sat 24th November

#### Digital Photography Workshop

An ideal course for those who have, or are about to get, a digital camera. Learn about camera controls & settings, loading and organising your pictures on a PC, making basic improvements to your pictures and printing.

Sat 9th February

## *The Knicker Lady*

*Not to be missed.....*

*The hit show that romps through the history of the humble knicker with a tempo and hilarity that leaves audiences, both male and female, spellbound and dying for more.....there isn't a brief left unturned!*

on

Friday 23rd November 2007

At

**The Little Theatre, Letchworth Settlement**

Doors Open 7:15 pm. Curtain up 7:30 pm.

Tickets £10 including a glass of wine  
available from

The Office and David's Music, Eastcheap

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>October</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Craft Fair</b>	<b>10—4</b>
	23rd	Gardening Club	Alpines	7.30pm
	27th	Letchworth Art Society	Annual Exhibition starts	At Letchworth Museum & Art Gallery
	30th	Settlement Visits	National Gallery	
<b>November</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>Settlement Players</b>	<b>Play Reading</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>
	<b>9th</b>	<b>Settlement Council Meeting</b>	<b>AGM</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
	13th	Natural History Society	'Dinosaurs—An Introduction'	7.30pm
	<b>15<sup>th</sup>—17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Settlement Players Production</b>	<b>Season's Greetings</b>	<b>7.45pm</b>
	21st	Settlement Players	Casting Reading	8.00pm
	<b>23rd</b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>The Knicker Lady</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
	24th	Letchworth Art Society	Annual Exhibition ends	
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	Carnivorous Plants	7.30pm
	29th	Settlement Players	Casting Reading	8.00pm
<b>December</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>Gardening Club</b>	<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>
	<b>19th</b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Closes for Christmas</b>	<b>National Theatre—'Present Laughter'</b>
	29th	Settlement Visits		
<b>January</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>Settlement reopens</b>	<b>National Gallery—Renaissance Siena</b>	
	4th	Settlement Visits	'Walking on the Wild Side'	7.30pm
	8th	Natural History Society	The Swiss Garden	7.30pm
	22nd	Gardening Club		
<b>February</b>	<b>1st<sup>h</sup></b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Bridge Drive</b>	
	12th	Natural History Society	'Natural History in Herts since early days'	
	13th	Settlement Visits	Golden Age of Pharaohs - Tutankhamun	
	<b>16th</b>	<b>Letchworth Settlement</b>	<b>Flea Market</b>	
	<b>21st—23rd</b>	<b>Settlement Players Production</b>	<b>'An Inspector Calls'</b>	
	26th	Gardening Club	'True Green'	7.30pm

## STUDENT NEWS

In Memoriam of Phyllis Jessop

We are sad to report that Phyllis Jessop died very recently aged 89.

Phyllis was an enthusiastic & loyal Settlement Member, serving on the Council for many years. She had many varied interests—an intrepid upholsterer, keen lace-maker, enthusiastic gardener, as well as diligent member of University courses. She could be relied upon to help with many fund raising events, particularly at the time when the Cruse & Spinks rooms were being equipped.

Her family generously decided that donations in memory of Phyllis should be given to Letchworth Settlement, 'where she spent many happy hours'.

She will be sadly missed.

## STUDENT REPORT.....



Several years ago now, my hobby of walking took a whole new direction when I took up the challenge of a long Distance Footpath. This usually means a different bed each night followed by a new terrain to explore every day over a week or more; you watch the landscape change before your very eyes and, with it, the flora, the fauna and the buildings.

You can find a street of dark stone houses—very dreary on a wet day,; warm light-coloured ones that make it feel bright and sunny even when it isn't; solid-looking brick and flint, flimsier-looking clapper-board; thatch, slate, tile and so on. And the enquiring mind asks "why?"

In a bid for enlightenment, I enrolled on Gillian Sheail's course "The Building Stones of England". It proved to be absolutely fascinating and, by the end of term, had explained all I wanted to know, AND MORE. The illustrated lectures, stone samples we could handle and examine closely, a field trip to Cambridge—the combination gave us a truly absorbing terms study.

Try a bit for yourself. Take a walk round Letchworth town centre—look at the War Memorial, the pillars in the windows of Curry's Digital, the door surround and steps at the Museum—all different. Wherever you live. Wherever you are visiting, look closer at the buildings around you; it will surely add a little "je ne sais quoi" to your day, especially if you're doing the shopping!

Happy hunting

Veronica Tomkins

## AND FINALLY.....

Please remember that the Settlement Membership fee is now due. If you have not already paid it please come to the office or speak to your group secretary.

## SETTLEMENT VISITS.....

Further details on the visits mentioned above, may be obtained from the Common room. For further enquiries and bookings, please contact Roy Evans on 01462 686321